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**VIA FAX AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

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**Re: Stipulation As To The Date Upon Which Verizon New England Inc., and Verizon Delaware Inc., and Global Naps, Inc. initiated negotiations under section 252(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for the States of Delaware, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts.**

Dear Mr. Scheltema,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our agreement as to the date upon which Verizon New England Inc. and Verizon Delaware Inc. (collectively, "Verizon") and Global Naps, Inc. ("GNAPs") initiated negotiations under section 252(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). Presently, the parties are engaged in negotiations toward mutually acceptable interconnection agreements for the States of Delaware, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. Upon successful completion of these negotiations, both parties will agree to file the resulting negotiated interconnection agreements, or to take other action as prescribed by the Act.

Based on several factors unique to the situation between Verizon and GNAPs, we have agreed that in this case, negotiations were initiated on February 13, 2002. Based on that date, under § 252(b)(1) of the Act, the arbitration request window (the period during which either party may file for arbitration) shall begin on June 28, 2002 ("Day 135") and end on July 23, 2002 ("Day 160"), inclusive.

We both understand that our agreement upon this date in this case is based on the particular circumstances here. It is entirely without prejudice to either party's respective position with regard to when any other Section 252(a) request might be deemed to have been received either in general or in any other particular case.

Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing by signing in the space provided therefore below. Please return the original signed page to my attention.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.  
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